



ST. PATRICK DINNER: Join the American Legion from 1 to 5 p.m. MARCH 14 for a family-friendly St. Patrick's dinner featuring hearty portions of corned beef, cabbage, buttery red potatoes, glazed carrots, bread and your choice of pop or water. Cost: \$12 a plate. Kids under 5 eat free. INFO: (219) 972-3948.

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Stand up and be counted!

Every household in Highland will receive a notice this month with an individualized code and detailed information on how to complete the 2020 Census.

"While online participation is being emphasized, everyone will have the option to complete the form either online, by mail or by phone," said Redevelopment Commission Assistant Lance Ryskamp, who co-chairs the Complete Count Committee. "Reminders will be mailed out until May, when those who have not completed the Census will be contacted in-person."

DID YOU KNOW?

Children, renters and senior citizens are frequently undercounted. "All those living under your roof on April 1 should be counted, including newborns, roommates, relatives or in-laws who may be living with you" Ryskamp said.

IS MY INFORMATION SAFE?

Personal Census information is, by law, confidential and cannot be shared by the Census Bureau with law enforcement, ICE or any other government agencies.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?



Your responses determine how much of \$675 billion in federal dollars is distributed to Highland for road improvements, schools and social programs.



Census data gives town leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses and planning for the future.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats Indiana has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

MOBILE KIOSKS & INTERNET ACCESS

No internet? The Complete Count Committee, through the Highland Library, public schools and municipal government, will provide free internet access via mobile kiosks and events beginning in late March. Kiosk locations and hours will be posted at highland.in.gov and on social media later this month. INFO: Email lryskamp@highland.in.gov.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about Highland's efforts and Census-related updates, follow the Complete Count Committee on:

- ✓ Facebook: Highland IN 2020 Census
- ✓ Twitter: @HighlandCensus
- ✓ Instagram: @highlandcensus2020



NEW PARKS RADIO SHOW

Tune in to WJOB at 9 a.m. **MARCH 11** for the debut of a new half-hour show highlighting parks in Lake County. The monthly spot – the second Wednesday every month – will highlight the benefits of parks and recreation throughout city, town and county parks and trail systems as well as upcoming events.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

Join us for an evening with Lake County Chief Vince Balbo as we learn about recent crime trends in Highland and Lake County.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. **MARCH 11**

WHERE: Highland Police Department Community Room



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Police raise \$10,250 for Highland family



FOP FUNDRAISER: No Shave November – so popular it morphed into No Shave December and January – raised a whopping \$10,250 to offset mounting medical bills for Southridge third-grader Max Cash. The youngster has a rare genetic condition known as Fanconi Anemia. In Max’s case, mom Janelle is his bone marrow donor. In exchange for the privilege of not shaving, Donald R. Sheppard Highland FOP Lodge #122 officers donated all dollars raised to the family. FOP President Sgt. Shawn Anderson said it was the generosity of the community, businesses and FOP members that made the fundraiser so successful. The Highland FOP wishes Max a speedy recovery. Janelle Cash is grateful for the support. “We thank everyone for all they have done.” Some who participated are pictured left to right: Officer Luke Paprocki, Officer Darren Conley, Cpl. Brian Stanley, FOP President Sgt. Shawn Anderson, Cpl. Brandon Norris, Officer Jim Mullins and Officer Nick Vanni. [Photo provided]

HIGHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPS PATROL CARS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS KITS

Highland Police Department patrol vehicles will soon be equipped with Special Needs Kits, thanks to the generosity of the community.

Appropriate for both children and adults, the kits are designed to help during stressful situations where first responders are called to assist.

“People on the autism spectrum are not able to communicate in traditional ways,” Cmdr. John Banasiak said. “These bags will be given to the individuals who may find it difficult to concentrate or calm down in stressful situations, such as the scene of a car accident.”

The individual needing the \$50 kit will be allowed to keep it after the incident is over.

“A huge thank you to the Crown Point Fire Department and Firefighter-Paramedic Matt Kodicek for helping us organize the Special Needs Kit program,” Banasiak said. 🙏



ABOUT THE KITS

The special needs kits include noise canceling headphones, a dry erase board (for communicating with those who may be non-verbal), rubber balls and various fidget toys in a drawstring bag.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Cmdr. John Banasiak at (219) 838-3184 or email him jbanasiak@highland.in.gov.

Downtown Business Spotlight



Dental Hygienist Danielle Maniatis (left) and Office Manager Candy Nosich join Dr. Kurt Pramuk in welcoming patients to Pramuk Dental Center's new downtown Highland location. [The Idea Factory photos]

PRAMUK DENTAL CENTER

When Dr. Kurt Pramuk went looking for a perfect location for his growing dental practice, he found it in Highland.

Less than two years later, Pramuk Dental Center is welcoming new patients in a brand new building that replaced the long-shuttered Kiddie Shop on the corner of Second and Highway.

Inside, the practice is filled with natural light and the walls decorated with images of performing artists like Van Halen and Pink Floyd.

"In some ways this feels surreal. I never imagined I would own the practice – and the building, which fits in with the long-established downtown," the longtime Munster resident said.

"I love the interaction with our neighboring businesses and the people who walk by. My daughter even takes lessons at Highland Guitar Studio across the street."



PRAMUK DENTAL CENTER
2706 HIGHWAY AVENUE
pramukdentalcenter.com

General, family and cosmetic dentistry with expertise from porcelain veneers to dental implants, crowns and bridges.

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| Monday | 8-5 PM |
| Tuesday | 8-4 PM |
| Wednesday | 9-7 PM |
| Thursday | 8-4 PM |
| Friday | closed |
| Saturday | by appointment |
| Sunday | closed |



SAKURA BOWL
2813 HIGHWAY AVENUE

Sakura Bowl is rocking downtown Highland with the freshest of ingredients and a menu of mouth-watering Japanese delights — build-your-own bowls, sushi creations and a smattering of favorites like crab rangoon, salted edamame, fresh salads and a variety of sushi, veggie and classic rolls. The chef even created a Highland roll to celebrate the opening of the restaurant. Located in the former Lincoln's sandwich shop on Highway, Sakura Bowl has been transformed into a zen space perfect for dining in – or carrying out.

HOURS: Opens every day from 11 a.m., noon on Sundays.

INFO: 219-923-7777 or sakurabowl/highland.com

WHAT'S NEXT?

Downtown is on the move. In addition to the new **Sakura Bowl** and **Pramuk Dental Center**, Highland will welcome a new wine-tasting business on Highway later this year. ... **Giuseppe's Passione di Sofi** is still on track to begin dishing up Italian street food from 2906 Jewett Street later this year, too. ... The **Highland Public Library** will be expanding onto Highway Avenue at Fourth Street. ... The Highland Redevelopment Commission is putting the finishing touches on plans for new **municipal lot** downtown.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Enjoy shopping for comic books, sports cards, autographs and other memorabilia in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale, featuring household items, books and more!

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **MARCH 14**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

BEGINNER PIANO LESSONS

This beginner piano course will teach budding musicians - ages 8 and older - how to play an electronic keyboard as well as read music, play songs and tackle basic chording.

WHEN: Tuesdays, **MARCH 31-MAY 19**

BEGINNERS: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

FEES: \$80 residents | \$85 nonresidents

MATERIALS: \$10 for music book and \$3

per week for keyboard rental

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

JUNIOR PAINT WORKSHOPS

Our trained instructor will show junior artists - ages 7 to 12 - how to paint a 12" x 12" canvas. No experience is required.

WHEN: 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, **MARCH 19** (Balloon Ride) and **APRIL 16** (Ladybug).

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$15 residents | \$18 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

CANVAS PAINT WORKSHOPS

Our trained instructor will show artists - ages 13+ - how to paint a 16" x 20" canvas. No experience is required.

WHEN: 6:30-9 p.m. Thursdays, **MARCH 19** (Adventure) and **APRIL 16** (Wish).

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$25 residents | \$30 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

FRED'S ART FOR KIDS

Artists ages 10-16 learn the various techniques of cartooning, acrylic painting and more through drawing, colored pencil, pen and ink. New students will start from the beginning, returning students will build on what they've learned from the previous session. Students required to purchase supplies.

WHEN: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fridays,

MARCH 20-APRIL 24

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

FEE: \$36 residents | \$41 nonresidents

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Join the Easter Bunny and his furry friends for a continental breakfast. The event features a bike drawing, basket raffles and photos with the bunny. Continental breakfast includes donuts, granola bar or Rice Krispie treat, bananas, grapes, milk, juice and coffee. Children receive a McDonalds coupon and pinwheel.

WHEN: Saturday, March 28 with seatings at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

WHERE: Highland High School cafeteria

TICKETS: \$6 and must be purchased in advance at the chamber office, Lincoln Center, Centier or First Financial banks.

INFO: (219) 923-3666 or info@highlandgriffithchamber.com

14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your basket and head to Wicker Park for the 14th annual North Township Easter Egg Hunt. Children ages 1 to 10 are invited to hunt until the last egg is found! DJ and a visit from the Easter Bunny are all part of the fun. Admission is free. Supplies are limited. First come. First served.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m. April 4

WHERE: Wicker Memorial Park Pavilion

INFO: Please call (219) 313-3934.



ADULT SLOW-PITCH

Registration begins this month for men's and co-rec softball teams. League format will depend on number of teams in division. Top teams receive cash (check) prizes. Rosters are limited to 20 players. Players must be 18 years or older.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. weeknights, 5:30 p.m. Sundays. Season begins **APRIL 14** (single games) and **MAY 3** (double-header). Manager's meeting to be announced before the start of the season.

TEAM FEE: \$650 due by **APRIL 1**. Deposit must be made in order to reserve spot!

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114

BALLROOM DANCING

Get in the groove and move with grace as you learn various dance steps and routines from our instructors Patti Valentine and Charlie Capek during our 8-week ballroom dancing program. Leather sole shoes recommended. Partners may rotate throughout session.

WHEN: Mondays, **MARCH 16-MAY 4**

BEGINNERS: 6 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE: 7 p.m.

SINGLES: \$48 residents | \$53 nonresidents

COUPLES: \$91 residents | \$96 nonresidents

REGISTER: Deadline is **MARCH 9**

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center

INFO: highlandparks.org or (219) 838-0114